



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

To the Masters, Officers, and
Brethren of our Alberta

Grand Jurisdiction—GREETING

WE are now travelling along to the 42nd year milestone of Alberta Freemasonry. It is with much satisfaction, that we find at the first four district meetings already held in the northern part of the Province, that an excellent condition of Masonry prevails. It is evident from the keen interest being taken in things Masonic that the Alberta Craft has advanced far beyond the parochial in most of our Lodges. This one realizes from the reports already given by the immediate Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and by the Lodges already submitting reports at the recent district meetings. This progressive state is to the credit of our leaders in Masonic thought during the past 41 years. It is also most encouraging to meet many of the vast army of new Freemasons taken into our ranks during the War years and find them not only happy in their new fraternal association, but also keen in their search for further Masonic light so that they may be worthy of advancement and also be equipped for full service as members of the Fraternity. This excellent spirit reflects, first, that there has been, in general, impressive degree work performed in our Lodges, and that there is a wholesome spirit of fraternal goodwill being extended to our newly received brethren by the Masters, Officers and general membership. Having regard for unavoidable relaxation in Masonic research and study during the recent busy years of Ceremonial work while receiving our many new brethren into the ranks of the Craft, and realizing that there is an obligation on all of us to aid them in their search for further Masonic light, it would appear befitting for us to revive interest in Masonic educational work in our Lodges. In this, it would be appropriate for our Masters and Past Masters to recommend a series of appropriate Masonic writings for study, and also deliver short interesting addresses (or articles) in

open Lodge or during the social hour on subjects relative to the important truths which constitute our Masonic philosophy. This is not only a privilege for the novitiate, but it is also a right due to him from all of us, as brethren. In this connection, I was most interested in the proposals made and the discussions entered into at the session of the 40th Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held at Regina on June 19th and 20th, relative to an appropriate plan of Masonic educational work in the interest of their brethren in our neighboring sister Grand Jurisdiction. If we of Alberta can bring about generally a revival in this important phase of our Craft activities, we can be assured of retaining the high standard of Freemasonry which we enjoy. Not that we claim to be one-hundred percent highly learned masonically in all of the general membership, yet, from comparisons made from the reports reviewed from other Grand Jurisdictions, I believe we can confidently claim a high standard. Our objective should continue to be that of not only sustaining the splendid status we have, but to strive further for higher attainments in all phases of Freemasonry throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. Such objective is a necessary one in this period of changing times, when a multiplicity of organized bodies of society are carrying out programs of interesting activities, particularly applicable to this present day and age.

At this moment, I recall a previous revival of interest in Masonic Educational work in our Lodges in an earlier period of our history, when one of our leading exponents of Masonic Research and Education made the following statement:

"As Masonry to the large majority of the Craft is still a mystery, it becomes the delightful opportunity of the enlightened few (Craftsmen) to remove the veil and inform the Brethren."

Again that statement is applicable, but more particularly so at this time when we have so many

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“In Memoriam”

*“Passing out of the shadow
Into a purer light,
Stepping behind the curtain,
Getting a clearer sight;
Laying aside the burden
This weary mortal coil,
Done with this world's vexations,
Done with its tears and toil.”*

To every man and to every woman, the days, as they pass, bring joy and grief, smiles and tears, health and sickness, pleasure and pain, success and defeat, and at last death.

On the morning of Wednesday, July 31st, 1946, Right Worshipful Brother

ALBERT EDWARD OTTEWELL

Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, departed from us.

There is no inconsistency in grieving over the passing of a beloved brother and friend, even though our faith teaches us that he is being translated into another life where reigns eternal happiness, and no sorrow or pain.

We shall miss Brother Ottewell from the meetings of our Grand Lodge. We shall miss his wise counsel, his good judgment, and his strong stand for everything he believed to be right and proper. He did not fear criticism, for he was always ready to maintain his position regardless of the opinions of others, so long as he believed his stand was just. He was a kindly man, and loved his home, had a tender heart for those who were in distress, and friendly advice and counsel for those who were troubled with anxieties.

The Masons of Alberta will grievously miss Brother Ottewell, and sorrow will be their portion, though they may know that he has entered into an eternal life of perfect bliss.

R. W. Brother Ottewell was born November 21st, 1882, at Clavering, Bruce County, Ontario. He was the youngest son of Richard P. Ottewell, later one of the pioneers of the Edmonton district. He attended public school in Ontario and matriculated at Alberta College after coming west. When the University of Alberta opened its doors in 1908 he was one of the first students to register, and so was a member of the first graduating class in 1912, carrying off the Chancellor's gold medal for brilliant work in Classics. Three years later he was awarded his Master's degree.

Following his graduation Brother Ottewell was given the task of organizing the Extension Department of the University, which he did with conspicuous success, remaining as Director of the Department until his appointment as Registrar of the University in 1928. He spent three years of this period, 1916-1919, as a captain in England and France lecturing on the staff of the Khaki College, which had been organized by his chief, Lieutenant Colonel H. M. Tory.

As registrar of the University Brother Ottewell served the province, particularly the professional associations, ably and well, until the time of his death. In 1940 the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta recognized his services by electing him to honorary membership. Intensely interested in all aspects of education, Brother Ottewell was first elected to the Edmonton School Board in 1927 and continued in office until shortly before his death. He was chairman of the Board for eight years. He was also a member of the Canadian School Trustees Association, of which organization he was President at the time of his death; a member of the City Archives Committee and of the City's Board of Health, and was active in the Canada-Newfoundland Education Association. He was past president of the Canadian Club of Edmonton, Senior Elder of the Metropolitan United Church, and for six years a member of the Board of Education of the United Church of Canada.

Brother Ottewell's career as a Mason was also notable. He was made a Master Mason in 1916, and was elected Master of the Lodge in 1935. He became very active in Freemasonry and was elected Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge in 1937. He revised the Burial Service Ritual of Grand Lodge and was called upon to conduct this service by many of the Lodges of the jurisdiction for deceased brethren. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1944, Senior Grand Warden in 1945 and Deputy Grand Master in 1946. He was elected a member of the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection 14th degree in 1938, Mizpah Chapter of Rose Croix 18th degree in 1939 and Alberta Consistory 32nd degree in 1940. He was a member of the Masonic Education Committee of Grand Lodge for many years and submitted a number of articles for publication in the Alberta Masonic Monthly *Bulletin*.

Such is the man whom we have known and loved and with whom we have labored.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 3rd, 1946, at Metropolitan United Church, Rev. Dr. Murdoch MacKinnon officiating. The funeral address was given by Professor J. M. MacEachran, under whose guidance Brother Ottewell had studied in his early years.

Masonic burial services at the grave in the Clover Bar Cemetery were conducted by the brethren of Acacia Lodge No. 11 and were simple and brief, in accordance with Brother Ottewell's wishes.

A. WEST, P.G.M.

THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE—(Cont. from page 1) more novitiates in our Lodges than at any previous period in the history of the Grand Jurisdiction. The call of duty goes out not alone to we of the Craft of Alberta, but also to the Brethren of all English speaking Grand Jurisdictions of the fraternity, as will be noted in the remarks of a Grand Master of one of our acknowledged Grand Lodges of the Republic to the South of us who said:

"Freemasonry can be made to truly serve the votaries in spite of the fast tempo and complexities of Present Day living; In spite of the many counter-attractions. Masonry when properly administered to carefully selected applicants, through the medium of wholesome preparation, impressive ritualistic Ceremonies, and wisely planned education, can and will have a permanent and salutary effect both upon the body and soul of the novitiate."

In concluding this message, which in its essence is an appeal on behalf, and in the interest of the vast number of newly raised Craftsmen within our ranks, I take this opportunity of extending my sincere thanks to you, my brethren, for the high honor conferred on me at our 41st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and I pray that God may bless me with good health so that I may render to you a service worthy of your confidence.

Fraternally,

ARTHUR G. R. BOND,
Grand Master.

A TRIBUTE TO A GRAND FREEMASON

For one to be privileged through close association with our Late Right Worshipful Brother Ottewell, was to appreciate and value him as an outstanding brother of service to his brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction, and to Freemasonry of the broader sphere of extra-jurisdictional extent. In his personal masonic life his contributions of masonic wisdom and service extended to many of our Lodges throughout the Grand Territory. Likewise, he was outstanding in the broader sphere as evidenced in the records of the Annual Western Canada Conferences of Grand Jurisdictions held during and following the war years. True, his sound academic foundation specially fitted him for super service, yet, with it he gave of his talents and time most liberally and willingly in the interest of his brethren, and his Craft which he so dearly loved. Although our mortal brother has passed on to the great beyond, an immortal spirit of higher service our beloved brother Ottewell leaves to us as a masonic legacy, the value of which can be computed only as a priceless gem of fraternal Love.

ARTHUR G. R. BOND,
Grand Master.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

ON Sept. 28th, 1945, the Officers and Members of Cut Bank Lodge No. 82, Montana, paid a fraternal visit to Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary, Alta., and it was agreed that this visit should be considered as the first of a series of International Nights, alternating between the two Lodges annually. The second of these visits was held at Cut Bank, Montana, on Friday evening, May 24th, 1946, with the Cut Bank Lodge being host to Perfection Lodge. The event was a most outstanding success and reflected great credit on those responsible and those who took part. The visitors were royally entertained from start to finish, and received a very warm welcome from the Officers and Members of Cut Bank Lodge.

A banquet was tendered to the visiting members and their ladies in the banquet room of the Masonic Temple after which Lodge was convened. The Lodge room upstairs was soon filled to capacity, and there being so many Lodges represented—55—a considerable time elapsed before all were vouched for. The chairs were filled on this special occasion by Past Masters, and in due course the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Perfection Lodge were received and accorded grand honours. Grand honours were also accorded to visiting Grand Lodge Brethren from Alberta, and in rather an unusual way, for each was accorded individual honours. The Cut Bank Lodge then suspended its order of work and the Worshipful Master and Officers of Perfection Lodge proceeded to open the Lodge in the regular manner, and in due course raised the two brethren, Bros. Bruce Leyden and Thomas R. Pickford, who had travelled to Montana from Calgary for that purpose. The degree was exemplified in a really wonderful way and reflected great credit on those taking part. It deservedly received very high praise from the Worshipful Master of Cut Bank Lodge and the many brethren present.

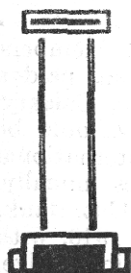
At the close of the degree work, W. Bro. Rosling, on behalf of Perfection Lodge, presented to W. Bro. Crumley, the Worshipful Master of Cut Bank Lodge, a beautiful silken Union Jack, with the hope that it would still further strengthen the bonds of fraternalism between the two Lodges, as members looked upon the flag of their brethren from Canada.

The brethren and their friends from Calgary, 75 in number, left for home the following morning arriving in Calgary at 10:15 p.m., everybody voting the visit an outstanding success and great credit due to W. Bro. C. H. Minchin for his untiring efforts in arranging this splendid visit.

Extracts from article by R. W. Bro. FRED PARKER.



He who desires to understand the harmonious and beautiful proportions of Freemasonry must read, study, reflect, digest and discriminate.—*Morals and Dogma.*



Between the Pillars



A Few Thoughts

ANOTHER Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge has passed into history, it is to be hoped it was both instructive and pleasing to all those who were privileged to attend.

We are endeavouring again this year to make the circulation of our *Bulletin* 100 per cent complete. This cannot be done without effort and organization. The writer is of the opinion that one of the most effective methods of accomplishing our aim is that every District Deputy Grand Master write the Grand Secretary and ascertain the membership of each Lodge in his district, together with the number of *Bulletins* now received by each Lodge, then he is in a position to persuade each Lodge to obtain sufficient additional copies in order that everyone of its members will receive a *Bulletin*. The most effective means of distribution is to enclose a copy of the *Bulletin* with the Lodge summons, if the *Bulletins* are received too late for the one mailing, they are always on hand to be enclosed with the next mailing.

Guest Speakers and Visitors.—Lodges will again be extending invitations to guest speakers and friends to attend lodge functions and I think the remarks of M. W. Bro. J. A. McRae, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) are most appropriate and timely. I quote from the address of M. W. Bro. McRae as follows: "There are two minor practices current in some lodges which, through force of circumstances, have been brought of late especially to my attention. Neither of them in my judgment, is to be commended. One is that of inviting non-Masons to masonic banquets. The reasons advanced in extenuation have never appealed to me. One of these is that it permits the non-masonic friend to listen to a notable speaker or outstanding musical programme. The facilities available to attain this object otherwise are so ample that this must be regarded as trivial. Another is to give the non-masonic friend the opportunity of meeting one's masonic friends around the social table, presumably, and sometimes it is said openly, so that the non-Mason may thereby form some idea of Freemasonry. I view this as but thinly disguised solicitation and as such the practice cannot meet with approval. It is essentially unsound from a true masonic standpoint. Again, the practice of having non-Masons may prove a source of unexpected embarrassment to one who properly expects to be able to speak freely

on a masonic subject. Of this I speak from personal knowledge and experience.

The other practice to which I refer is that of having non-Masons as speakers. There are circumstances when this is justifiable, but when lodges come to rely largely on outside speakers, it is time to call a halt and take stock of our position. I have pointed out already that the non-Mason has no familiarity or particular knowledge of our usages and customs. Unless specially warned, such a speaker may easily transgress the bounds placed on every Mason. Aside from this there is the question of a certain pride. The non-masonic speaker is presumably one of quite mature years; he has in the course of his life time seen something of Freemasonry. Whatever opinion he may have formed it has obviously not been sufficiently cogent to induce him to apply for admission into our ranks. The opinion reached may be lukewarm, indifferent or even cynical. The speaker may have consented to speak to oblige a friend, putting his feelings towards the Craft in the background for the time being. I have a feeling that we demean ourselves or fail to show a reasonably good conceit of ourselves when we invite men to speak who have had the opportunity but yet have shown no inclination to associate themselves with us. Sometimes, but fortunately very seldom, lodges so far ignore masonic propriety that men are invited to address the Craft at refreshment, who, not to put too fine a point on it, are not likely, under any circumstances, to become Masons. Their training and associations are not such as to promote an active regard for Freemasonry and why to such, an invitation should be extended and why accepted, is almost beyond comprehension.

Another aspect of this subject which I would mention briefly is that to go frequently outside our ranks for speakers is seemingly to confess a poverty of talent in our lodges. If this were really the case, it would be a sad state of affairs indeed. Fortunately, it is very far from being true now, and there is no likelihood of it becoming true in the future.

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V. W. Bro. Robert. F. Sang of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, 80 years young, recently celebrated his silver jubilee as Installing Master of Century Lodge No. 100 of which he is an honoured honorary member. In appreciation of his services throughout the past 25 years the members of Century Lodge presented our faithful brother with a beautiful desk writing set. Century Lodge has the unique experience of having had three names during its existence, firstly as Warner Lodge, secondly as Verdigris Lodge and at the recent Communication of Grand Lodge the name was changed to its present name of Century Lodge in keeping with its number.

Congratulations, Brother Sang, and may you celebrate your golden jubilee, or better still, your century jubilee as Installing Master of Century Lodge.

S.H.